

SUMMARY OF PHONE INTERVIEW WITH THE EXAMINER

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the phone interview on March 6, 2009. Prior to the interview, Applicant's representatives faxed to the Examiner a discussion draft of the arguments that are now formally presented in this Response. In the phone interview, the Examiner stated that he agrees with the arguments and therefore intends to allow the pending claims of this application, provided that another search of the prior art does not turn up grounds for a rejection. The Examiner added that due to the thorough prosecution of this patent application up to this point in time, he does not expect to find any references that have not already been considered and, further, that if such a reference is found, he would phone Applicant's representatives and issue a non-final rejection. The remainder of this Response contains the written arguments presented to the Examiner for the phone interview.